monitoring of the scheme. Central Monitoring Committee has been constituted to evaluate implementation of the scheme. Monitoring Committees have also been constituted at State/Distt. levels. The State Govts, identify the training institutes of Central Government, State Governments and semi-Govt. organisations where training in different trades is provided to the identified beneficiaries.

National Commission for Safai Karamcharies was constituted on 12th August, 1994 to review the implementation of this scheme. The Scheme has also been reviewed in the recently concluded Conference of Ministers & Secretaries of States and Union Territories In-charge of Scheduled Castes Welfare at Bangalore on April 6th and 7th, 1995.

Hostels for SC/ST students in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh

5791. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether guidelines for States to construct hostels for boys and girls belonging to SC/ST have recently been revised;

(b) if so, what are the revised guidelines;

(c) how much money has been given to Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh for construction of such hostels; and

(d) how many hostels will be constructed with this and how many inmates will be accommodated?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The guidelines for States to construct hostels for Boys and Girls belonging to SC/ST have recently been revised. As per the revised guidelines, the existing ceilings on the cost of construction of hostel buildings have been removed w.e.f. the year 1994-95. The cost of hostel buildings for which central assistance is sought is to be worked out on the basis of State/UT PWD schedule of rates. However, where the State Govt./UT Admn. is following both State/ UT PWD as well as CPWD schedules of rates, the cost is to be worked out in accordance with the lower of the two rates. Where only CPWD rates are being followed, the CPWD rates shall apply.

(c) and (d) No central assistance was released to Govt, of Maharashtra under the Centrally Sponsored schemes of Girls/Boys hostels for SCs & STs during the year 1994-95. The amount of central assistance released, the number of hostels and the number of inmates sanctioned during the financial year 1994-95 under the schemes to the Government of Andhra Pradesh are as under:

Name of the scheme	CA released during 1994-95 (Rs. in lakh)	No. of Hostels sanctioned	No. of INMATES to be benefitted
Girls hostels for SCs	489.68	38	6080
Boys hostels for SCs	475.00	52	9760
Girls hostels for STs	50.00	5	500
Boys hostels for STs	58.47	6	600